



ADOPTION WELLNESS

2020 Adoptive Family Training Workshops & Calendar

Adoption Wellness offers comprehensive pre/post adoptive family training. All trainings meet the State of Wisconsin Core Competencies for adoption as well as the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoptions standards for pre-adoptive families. *Workshops are noted by WI ACC and Hague ICA codes.* Each workshop provides two credit hours of training.

1. **Talking about Adoption:** Talking with children already in the home, the adopted child, extended families, strangers, the medical community or the school system, communication can be complex. The unique needs of an adopted person involves a family/community system of support and understanding. This workshop is offered four times. We will introduce helpful tools to aide in this process. *WI ACC 5 & 10 Hague ICA 96.48 C1*
2. **Adult-Adoptee Discussion Panel:** Join us for a Q&A with adults that were adopted as children. This diverse panel will share their perspectives and experiences as adopted persons. Tweens/Teens are welcome with parental discretion. This workshop will be offered once. *WI ACC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 8 9 & 10. Hague ICA 96.48 B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B7, C1, C2 & C3*
3. **Race & Adoption:** We will identify appropriate language, and explore the ethnic, cultural and racial impacts of an adoptive family and the community. This workshop specifically focuses on transracial/transcultural adoptions. This workshop will be offered once. *WI ACC 1, 2, & 6 Hague ICA 96.48 B7 & C1*
4. **Attachment & Bonding in Adoption:** We will introduce the basic attachment process in children and adults and the resulting recognition of how this process impacts relationships, lifelong. This workshop will also offer bonding techniques for adoptive parents. This workshop will be offered once. *WI ACC 3 Hague ICA 96.48 B5 & C1*
5. **Life Before Adoption:** Understanding the known or unknown history of the adopted person and the histories of the adoptive parents are helpful when processing the dynamics of how these histories impact the family relationship and the dynamics of

parenting. Included topics: grief and loss, birth-family, cultural issues and orphanage/institutionalized children. This workshop will be offered four times. WI ACC 7 & 9 Hague ICA 96.48 B2, B3, B4, C1 & C2

Dates of Trainings:

All 2020 trainings offered are offered on weekday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Jan 29 - Talking About Adoption
February 27 - Life Before Adoption
March 5 - Attachment & Bonding
April 7 - Life Before Adoption
May 19 - Talking About Adoption
June 3 - Race & Adoption
September 2 - Adult Adoptee Panel
September 15 - Talking About Adoption
October 13 - Life Before Adoption
November 3 - Life Before Adoption
November 12 - Talking About Adoption

- Workshops will be held at Adoption Wellness; 353 Forest Grove Drive, Suite 101, Pewaukee, WI 53072.
- Each workshop is \$75 per family. Professionals (social workers, therapists, legal & educators) are also welcome to attend. Professional participant cost is \$30 per person. Agencies and organizations may contact us for group/employee rates. Registration & payment for all workshops can be completed online at www.adoptionwellness.com via paypal, by snail mail via check or online invoice via credit card. Please register per session in advance.
- Adoption Wellness will provide training certificates to participants after the workshops. The certificates will note the training credit hours and standards met for you to submit to adoption agencies.
- Unless noted, these are workshops are adult only. Childcare is not provided.